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Copy to them by Chief Stevenson
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Mr. W. A. Thompson, Thompson Tool Co. 2328 Lansford St.
ph. RI8-4165 came by my office at 10:10 AM and gave following information:

He had read in Morning paper where witnesses had identified Oswald as practicing on range near Grand Prairie. That at time he was at the range he was accompanied by another white male and gave a meager description.

Mr. Thompson employed one HENRY O. CHENYORTH white male age app. 25 6'5 dark hair about Two weeks before President was slain. He gave his address as 203 E. 7th. St. Dallas. He worked up to the week end of Nov. 22nd. Did not show up for work on Monday the 23th. The shop was open that date. He came back and worked Tuesday the 23th. The next time he showed up was Friday the 29th. he came by early and stated he was leaving and would send some one by to pick up his check later in the day. Around noon he returned to the shop and Mr. Thompson paid him and asked him when he would be back to work. He stated he did not know, that his brother in Jasper Texas was sick, in the hospital and they wanted him to go there to stay with his brother.

Mr. Thompson has not seen him since. Thompson stated that the day the president was slain he heard Chenyworth say to another employee, Benny Reeves, 'I bet I will know who did it by morning'. When Chenyworth picked up his check he also remarked to Reeves, 'I don't know whether I will be around by morning, I may be in jail'

Mr. Thompson stated after reading the paper he thought possibly if the story were authentic this subject may have been the other man referred to as being with Oswald.

Thompson stated Two or Three times while subject worked for him he was picked up in afternoon when getting off duty by woman driving a 53 to 54 Ford a dirty white and light brown two tone color. That as many as Two or Three people were in the car on one or two occasions. Subject stayed pretty well to himself and was a good worker. He did talk about the good deer hunting around Jasper and had planned to go to Jasper the week and the president was killed. Unknown whether he did go to Jasper.

About Dec. 4th. a young white male came to Thompson's office and applied for a job, stated he lived at 203 E. 7th. St. also. He was not hired as was not needed. This morning the same man came by again and applied for work. Thompson states Chenyworth wore very large shoes (Appeared boot type, the toes of which turned up) that once or twice he had started to ask him about the large shoes he was wearing. (When the man applied for a job this morning he was driving the car which had picked Chenyworth up when getting off work. Chenyworth was wearing dark green Uniform with his name over right shirt pocket when last seen.

M. W. Stevenson